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ECONOMIC STATISTICS RELEASED DURING THE WEEK OF July 22, 2002 TO July 26, 2002

	Reference Period	Month/Previous Month (m/m)	Month/Previous Year's Month (y/y)	Comments
Consumer Price Index (1992=100)	June			The Canadian CPI rose 0.3% in June. The Increase was largely due to alcoholic beverages and tobacco (4.5%), food (0.4%), and recreation, education and reading (0.3%). In the first six months of 2002 the Canadian and Alberta consumer price indexes increased by 1.4% and 2.2% respectively.
Alberta	124.1	0.5%	0.5%	
Canada	119.0	0.3%	1.3%	
Canadian Composite Leading Index (1992=100)	June			The Composite Leading Index rose 0.5% in June; its eleventh consecutive increase. Manufacturing and retail trade reported strong gains, but were partly offset by decreases in the housing index (-3.3%) and S & P/TSX stock (-1.3%). The composite leading was up 5.4% over June 2001.
	177.3	0.5%	6.6%	
Retail sales	May			Canadian retail sales decreased by 1.3% in May; a larger drop than was initially expected. This followed a 1.0% increase in April. Declines in clothing (-5.3%) and automotive (-1.6%) were partly offset by increases in drug and patent medicine stores (2.4%) and furniture sales (0.9%). In May, Alberta retail sales rose 0.5%, and were up 7.5% from May 2001.
Alberta	3,099	0.5%	7.5%	
Canada	25,103	-1.3%	3.8%	
Wholesale Trade ($ millions)	May			Wholesale trade in Canada fell 1.2% in May to $34.5 billion. Decreases in Industrial and other machinery (-3.7%), farm machinery (-3.1%) and computers, software and other electronic machinery (-2.3%) were partly offset by increases in household goods (2.2%) and food products (1.6%). Alberta wholesale trade decreased 2.9% in May, and was down 0.4% from May 2001.
Alberta	3,375	-2.9%	-0.4%	
Canada	34,451	-1.2%	4.2%	